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SUBJECT: BIO DATA ON LIU TSUNG-HAN, DIRECTOR DESIGNATE
PACIFIC ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL CENTER, MANILA

1. LIU TSUNG-HAN (0491/1350/3466), DESIGNATED DIRECTOR OF THE ROC'S PACIFIC ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL CENTER IN MANILA IS A ACCOMPLISHED DIPLOMATC WHO HAS SERVED IN SEVEN COUNTRIES IN HIS NEARLY 40 YEARS WIH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA). HE HAD BEEN SERVING SINCE JUNE 1972 AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE OVERSEAS CHINESE AFFAIRS COMMISSION OF THE EXECUTIVE YUAN. LIU'S EXPERIENCE AND DEMONSTRATED ABILITY IN DEALING WITH OVERSEAS CHINESE DURING HIS CAREER WERE PROBABLY MAJOR FACTORS IN HIS SELECTION TO THE MANILA POST.

2. LIU WAS BORN ON JULY 3, 1915 IN LIAONING PROVICE IN NORTH CHINA. AFTER GRADUATING FROM NATIONAL CHENG-CHI (POLITICAL) UNIVERSITY IN 1938 HE JOINED MOFA. IN 1942 BE BEGAN A SERIES OF ASSIGNMENTS ABROAD THAT WAS TO LAST 20 YEARS: DEPUTY CONSUL, CALCUTTA (1942-45); VICE CONSUL, RANGOON (145-1947); CONSUL, ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT (1947-49); SECOND SECRETARY, ROC EMBASSY, CAIRO (1949-52); CONSUL GENERAL AND CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, GUATEMALA CITY (1952-57); COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY, BANGKOK (1957-59-), CONSUL GENERAL, JOHANNESBURG AND CONCURRENTLY CONSUL GENERAL, LOURENCO MARQUES, PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA (1959-62).

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WHILE IN BANGKOK, LIUEARNED HIS REPUTATIONIBOR DEALING SUCCESS-

FULLY WITH OVERSEAS CHINESE. A TIRELESS WORKER, HE WON THE RESPECT OF OVERSEAS CHINESE AND DIPLOMATS FOR HIS BASIC FAIRNESS AND CONSCIENTIOUSNESS.

3. LIU FIRST SETTLED IN TAIPEI IN 1962 AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE EAST ASIATIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF MOFA. (THE DEPARTMENT WAS EXPANDED IN 1963 AND RENAMED THE EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT). LIU WAS POSTED ABROAD AGAIN IN MARCH 1967 AS AMBASSADOR TO PERU. HE SERVED THERE UNTIL THE ROC EMBASSY WAS CLOSED IN NOVEMBER 1971. IN 1972 HE HEADED THE CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF MOFA FOR 6 MONTHS BEFORE JOINING THE OVERSEAS CHINESE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.

4. LIU IS MARRIED. THE COUPLE HAVE FIVE GROWN CHILDREN, ONE SON AND FOUR DAUGHTERS. AMERICAN WHO HAVE DEALT WITH LIU HAVE FOUND HIM TACTFUL, POSSESSING A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR AND VERY ENERGETIC. HE GETS ON WELL IN BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL SETTINGS. LIU SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. HE SPEAKS SOME SPANISH BUT HIS FLUENCY LEVEL IS UNKNOWN. UNGER

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